

REMARKS

The new claims and the amendment to claim 1 are supported in Figs. 2 and 3 and the specification is amended to provide literal support for this subject matter. The new claims are patentable for the reasons below.

Specification. The Disclosure was objected to. The objection is not understood. In the Applicant's specification page 3, line 15 does not describe Fig. 3; a brief description is at page 3, line 2. That description appears to be correct. Clarification is requested.

The specification is amended to provide literal support for the term "framed-up" which is now introduced into the claims.

Claim Objections. The Claims were objected to and correction is made as suggested by the Examiner.

§ 112, Second Paragraph. The claims are amended in view of the Examiner's remarks.

§ 102. The claims were rejected under § 102 over Gartland, US 5,540,026. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Gartland discloses a panel "shaped to *simulate* a framed-up panel" (Abstract, emphasis added), not a framed-up panel. Gartland discloses only one-piece, single-sheet doors with attached rail pieces, where the panels are formed along with the stiles and rails. Gartland's prior art is single-sheet doors (col. 2, lines 20 and 41-44), and what Gartland presents is an improvement over covering a single large core with a single large sheet of veneer, which has the

drawbacks (1) the grain running vertically in the rails and (2) shallow relief (col. 1, lines 33-67).

Only single-sheet doors are illustrated.

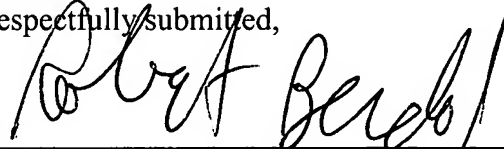
Gartland's door suffers from the same disadvantage as solid-wood doors, namely, a greater susceptibility to stress and cracking. But this is not a concern expressed by the reference itself, and Gartland does not suggest making a door with separate panels.

Claim 1 as now amended recites a "framed-up" wooden door, using the same term as Gartland uses in its Abstract, and which Gartland only "simulates." Thus, claim 1 now distinguishes over Gartland. New claims 5-7 further distinguish over Gartland.

§ 103. The claims were rejected under § 103 over Gartland in view of Hagemeyer, US 4,716,700. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Hagemeyer's receiving block 90 arguably corresponds to the Applicant's claimed sticking profile. However, it made of high-quality *solid* wood, and does not anticipate.

Hagemeyer shows a framed-up construction and cannot be combined with Gartland because Gartland uses a single large sheet of veneer, and this advantage would be destroyed by combination with Hagemeyer.

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